(b) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government have seen press reports alleging spurious Television sets being sold under well-known brand names.

(b) To discourage the sale of spurious Television sets which result in loss of revenue, Government has recently imposed excise duty (and equivalent countervailing duty) of Rs. 600 on all Colour Television picture tubes and Rs. 150 on Black and White Television picture tubes above 36 cm. screen size.

Import duty on gift parcels

1976. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have totally exempted the gift Parcels coming from abroad from the payment of import duty;

(b) if so, the upper value limit fixed by the Government;

(c) whether it is proposed that as a matter of export promotion. Government propose to extend this duty-free concession to small value trade samples received from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Bonafide gifts, excluding alcoholic drinks, not exceeding Rs. 200 in value imported by post or as air-freight are free of import duty.

(c) and (d) Two units each of bonafide commercial samples or prototypes of goods upto a value of Rs. 200 when imported into India by post or by air by manufacturers of export goods are exempt from the import duty. Further, commercial samples upto Rs. 1000 in value, imported as personal baggage by bonafide commercial travellers or by post or air and prototypes of engineering goods up to Rs. 1000 in value imported for executing or for securing export orders are exempt from duty subject to certain specified conditions. Prototypes of engineering goods exceeding Rs. 1000 in value are permitted on re-export basis.

Scheme for funding the installation of TV transmitters

1977. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration to allow the State Governments, the Public Sector Undertakings, Co-operatives and private organisations to fund the installation of TV transmitters in their areas;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to erect a TV transmitter at MANMAD under the above-mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Such a scheme already exists.

(b) A copy of the scheme giving necesary details is attached as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) No such offer has been received by the Government.